



LAURELHURST COMMUNITY CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT

PAT Meeting

Wednesday, September 15, 2004, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Laurelhurst Community Center

4554 NE 41st Street

Notes

6:00 Introductions

- Why did you join the PAT?

6:15 Background, Goals and Rules of the Road

- Maureen O'Neill NE Parks and Recreation Manager
- David Goldberg, Project Planner

6:30 Planning and Design Schedule

- David Goldberg, Project Planner
- David presented an overview of the steps the PAT and Parks will go through to reach a schematic design by January 2005.
- Maureen discussed the need to prioritize elements given the limited budget available for expansion.

6:40 Design Process

- Bob Suzuki, Catherine Hart, Coral DeWilliams, VIA – Suzuki
- Catherine, Bob and Coral described their firm's philosophy and approach to design. They stressed that the project must respect the context of the existing building, the site and the neighborhood. They indicated that a great design can still be the wrong building if it is in the wrong place.
- Catherine described their iterative approach to design where they and the PAT will look forward to conceptualize possible design solutions and then back up to test if those ideas are workable.

7:00 Project Elements

- David Goldberg/Dan Johnson

7:15 Round Robin Discussion of Project Objectives

- Joe H, Expressed that he wants the design to reflect the community's interests.
- Maureen O, It is important to explore options such as: renovating or constructing a new gym' building a separate addition; and building a joined addition.
- Kent M., We may need sub options as well. PAT needs to know what's working and what's not, and what spaces at community centers are being well used.
- Al H., Need to be wise with the addition. Need a lot of information on programs. Safety is important.
- Nate B., Wants to bring perspective of young users as to what works. The current community center isn't kid friendly. The existing gym is slippery and is a hazard.
- Steven J., – If we knew the demand for activities at the existing gym and other nearby gyms, we would have a better idea of what to do at this gym and community center.
- Kent M. The PAT needs facts about community center programs and attendance. They also need an overview of what other community centers are doing. Would like to see and additional meeting if possible

Comments from visitors:

- PAT needs costs of various elements so they can make choices
- Where is the push for adding a gym? The Community Club hasn't found interest in doing so.
- Consider the landscaping plan developed a few years ago by the community.

Next Steps

- Artist Selection
 - Artist selection is underway. Kent Mettler from the LCCAC, community member Pam Gray, and Catherine Hart from VIA - Suzuki are participating on the panel.
- Monthly PAT meetings set date
 - Future Meetings will start at 6:30 pm.
 - PAT meetings are set for November 9, December 14.
 - Large Public Meetings set for October 25 and December 9
- Project Questionnaire –
 - VIA – Suzuki will begin work on the questionnaire.
- Landmarks Review

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